

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): KIRKBRIDE, et al.

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CONVERTING OIL SHALE OR TAR SANDS TO OIL

Group Art Unit: 1764

Confirmation No.: 7958

Examiner: Leung, Jennifer A

**AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment & Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 21, 2007. This response is being filed concurrently with an Extension of Time and the appropriate government fees extending the due date for response until November 21, 2007. For the Examiner's convenience:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper; and
- **Authorization** to charge additional fees to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 is on page 13 of this paper.